

Stanwood-Camano School District #401

TEACHER OF THE MONTH – JANUARY 2016

Mark Wayland and Nate Hanson

Nominated by: Lloy Schaaf and Kevin Plambeck

Earlier this year our district was able to hire two 1.5 Teachers on Special Assignment for Technology Integration. Since that time Mark Wayland and Nate Hanson have been engaged in providing professional development for technology. Currently they have been teaching classes such as Google Apps, basic computer usage and other requested training to support teaching and learning in the schools. Both Mark and Nate have been focusing on the integration of technology in classrooms.

Not a day goes by without a positive comment about what either Nate or Mark is doing in the classrooms by modeling for teachers and students. The excitement that teachers exude when they talk about the integration of technology experience that they and their students are having when they work with Mark or Nate is powerful.

Most recently, one of the greatest accomplishments for the integration of technology work took place on TechDay. This amazing experience was held on January 15th. Over 250 teachers and other staff participated in over 40 workshops offered throughout the day. Staff was able to make a selection of three workshops to attend during the day. The registration was all handled through electronic means and was monitored by Mark and Nate. They did not leave one detail to chance. They met with support staff and created flawless directions and a PowerPoint for all instructors. Staff was elated by the experts teaching the classes and the ability to turn around and use what they just learned in their classrooms.

Beyond the TechDay, both Nate and Mark have facilitated after school tech classes and will begin the development of a summer technology institute for the district, to take place during the summer of 2016.

The excitement in our district about integration of technology into teaching and learning is due to a great deal of work on the part of Nate Hanson and Mark Wayland. They have accomplished so much in a short time. It is clear the sky is the limit for these two when it comes to integration of technology. Please consider Mark and Nate for the Teachers of the Month Award.